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Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

Draft decision submitted by the Chair

Budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system

The General Assembly takes note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the statistical report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system.[1]

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Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 2037 (2012) of 23 February 2012, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 December 2012,

Recalling also its resolutions 61/249 A of 22 December 2006 and 61/249 B of 2 April 2007 on the financing of the Mission, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 66/270 of 21 June 2012,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

Financing of the appropriation

2. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 78,393,550 dollars already apportioned for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2012 under the terms of its resolution 66/270, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 11,590,700 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the same period in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009 and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in its resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

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[2] A/67/638.

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3. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 2 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 414,900 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission;

4. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 13,485,550 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2013, inclusive of 10,094,000 dollars for the anticipated administrative liquidation of the Mission subject to a decision by the Security Council for the period from 1 January to 30 April 2013, and 3,215,950 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 175,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2013 in accordance with the contribution levels for the period 2013-2015,[3] and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2013;[3]

5. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 827,750 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 436,900 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 322,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 68,250 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

6. *Also decides* to keep under review during its sixty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste".

[3] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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Pattern of conferences

Draft resolution submitted by the Chair of the Committee following informal consultations

Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 40/243 of 18 December 1985, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 43/222 A to E of 21 December 1988, 51/211 A to E of 18 December 1996, 52/214 of 22 December 1997, 53/208 A to E of 18 December 1998, 54/248 of 23 December 1999, 55/222 of 23 December 2000, 56/242 of 24 December 2001, 56/254 D of 27 March 2002, 56/262 of 15 February 2002, 56/287 of 27 June 2002, 57/283 A of 20 December 2002, 57/283 B of 15 April 2003, 58/250 of 23 December 2003, 59/265 of 23 December 2004, 60/236 A of 23 December 2005, 60/236 B of 8 May 2006, 61/236 of 22 December 2006, 62/225 of 22 December 2007, 63/248 of 24 December 2008, 63/284 of 30 June 2009, 64/230 of 22 December 2009, 65/245 of 24 December 2010 and 66/233 of 24 December 2011,

Reaffirming its resolution 42/207 C of 11 December 1987, in which it requested the Secretary-General to ensure the equal treatment of the official languages of the United Nations,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences for 2012[1] and the relevant report of the Secretary-General,[2]

Having also considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Reaffirming the provisions relating to conference services in its resolutions on multilingualism, in particular resolution 65/311 of 19 July 2011,

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/67/32).
[2] A/67/127 and Corr.1.
[3] A/67/523.

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1. *Reaffirms* the role of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly in administrative and budgetary matters;

2. *Recalls* its resolution 14 (I) of 13 February 1946 and the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as a subsidiary body of the General Assembly;

I
Calendar of conferences and meetings

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Committee on Conferences for 2012;[1]

2. *Approves* the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2013, as submitted by the Committee on Conferences,[4] taking into account the observations of the Committee and subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Authorizes* the Committee on Conferences to make any adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2013 that may become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Secretariat has taken into account the arrangements referred to in General Assembly resolutions 53/208 A, 54/248, 55/222, 56/242, 57/283 B, 58/250, 59/265, 60/236 A, 61/236, 62/225, 63/248, 64/230, 65/245 and 66/233 concerning Orthodox Good Friday and the official holidays of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, and requests all intergovernmental bodies to observe those decisions when planning their meetings;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that any modification to the calendar of conferences and meetings is implemented strictly in accordance with the mandate of the Committee on Conferences and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

6. *Invites* Member States to include in new legislative mandates adequate information on the modalities for the organization of conferences or meetings;

7. *Recalls* rule 153 of its rules of procedure, and requests the Secretary-General to include the modalities of conferences in resolutions involving expenditure, taking into account the trends of similar meetings, with a view to mobilizing conference services and documentation in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible;

8. *Also recalls* section II.A, paragraph 16, of its resolution 66/233, and in this respect concurs with the observations in paragraph 13 of the report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences regarding the biennial calendar of meetings of the Economic and Social Council;[2]

[4] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/67/32), annex II.

II

A
Utilization of conference-servicing resources

1. *Reaffirms* the practice that, in the use of conference rooms, priority must be given to meetings of Member States;

2. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General and Member States to adhere to the guidelines and procedures contained in the administrative instruction for the authorization of the use of United Nations premises for meetings, conferences, special events and exhibits;[5]

3. *Emphasizes* that such meetings, conferences, special events and exhibits must be consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations;

4. *Notes* that the overall utilization factor at the four main duty stations in 2011 was 85 per cent, as in 2010, and 86 per cent in 2009, which is above the established benchmark of 80 per cent;

5. *Welcomes* the steps taken by those bodies that have adjusted their programmes of work in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources, and requests the Committee on Conferences to intensify consultations with the secretariats and bureaux of bodies that underutilize their conference-servicing resources;

6. *Recognizes* that late starts and unplanned early endings seriously affect the utilization factor of the bodies owing to the amount of time lost, and invites the secretariats and bureaux of bodies to pay adequate attention to avoiding late starts and unplanned early endings;

7. *Notes* that the percentage of meetings held by the bodies entitled to meet "as required" that were provided with interpretation services in New York in 2011 was 96 per cent, as compared with 94 per cent in 2010, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to impress upon such bodies the need to strive to optimize the utilization of the conference services provided and to report on the provision of conference services to those bodies through the Committee on Conferences;

8. *Reiterates its request* to intergovernmental bodies to review their meeting entitlements and to plan and adjust their programmes of work on the basis of their actual utilization of conference-servicing resources in order to improve their efficient use of conference services;

9. *Recognizes* the importance of meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States for the smooth functioning of the sessions of intergovernmental bodies, requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, as far as possible, all requests for conference services for the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States are met, and requests the Secretariat to inform the requesters as early as possible about the availability of conference services, including interpretation, as well as about any changes that might occur before the holding of meetings;

10. *Notes* that the percentage of meetings held by regional and other major groupings of Member States that were provided with interpretation services at the

[5] ST/AI/416.

four main duty stations was 91 per cent in 2011, as compared with 84 per cent in 2010, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to employ innovative means to address the difficulties experienced by Member States owing to the lack of conference services for some meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States and to report thereon to the General Assembly through the Committee on Conferences;

11. *Once again urges* intergovernmental bodies to spare no effort at the planning stage to take into account the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States, to make provision for such meetings in their programmes of work and to notify conference services, well in advance, of any cancellations so that unutilized conference-servicing resources may, to the extent possible, be reassigned to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States;

12. *Welcomes* the efforts of all users of conference services to inform the Secretariat as early as possible of any cancellation of service requests so as to allow for such services to be smoothly redeployed to other meetings;

13. *Notes with satisfaction* that, in accordance with several resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution 66/233, section II.A, paragraph 12, in conformity with the headquarters rule, all meetings of Nairobi-based United Nations bodies were held in Nairobi in 2011, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the Assembly at its sixty-eighth session through the Committee on Conferences;

14. *Notes with concern* the recurring underutilization of the conference centre of the Economic Commission for Africa, and recognizes the ongoing promotional efforts and initiatives of the Commission;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore additional means to increase the utilization of the conference centre of the Economic Commission for Africa, among others with its partners such as the African Union, and to report thereon, including on the impact of the initiatives of the Commission, to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to encourage the heads of United Nations system entities to use as a matter of priority, when applicable, the conference centre of the Economic Commission for Africa to ensure greater utilization of the conference facilities;

17. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to formulate a more competitive pricing structure and an appropriate marketing strategy for the conference centre at the Economic Commission for Africa;

18. *Recognizes* the proactive efforts of the Secretary-General to identify ways to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in conference services;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to propose, at its sixty-eighth session, a comprehensive review of conference servicing, highlighting any duplication or redundancy, with a view to identifying innovative ideas, potential synergies and other cost-saving measures, without compromising the quality of the services;

20. *Reiterates its request* to the Committee on Conferences that it consult those bodies that have consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark of

their allocated resources for the past three years, with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources, and urges the secretariats and bureaux of bodies that underutilize their conference-servicing resources to work more closely with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of the Secretariat and to consider changes to their programmes of work, as appropriate, including adjustments based on previous patterns of recurring agenda items, with a view to making improvements in their utilization factors;

21. *Requests* the Chair of the Committee on Conferences to address a letter to the presiding officers of intergovernmental bodies based at duty stations other than New York if their utilization factor falls below the benchmark of 80 per cent;

22. *Urges* those intergovernmental bodies whose average utilization factor has for the past 10 years been below the benchmark of 80 per cent to take that factor into account when planning their future sessions in order to achieve that benchmark;

B

Impact of the capital master plan, strategy IV (phased approach), on meetings held at Headquarters during its implementation

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the implementation of the capital master plan, including the reassignment of conference-servicing staff to swing spaces, will not compromise the quality of conference services provided to Member States in the six official languages and the equal treatment of the language services, which should be provided with equally favourable working conditions and resources, with a view to receiving the maximum quality of services;

2. *Requests* all meeting requesters and organizers to liaise closely with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management on all matters related to the scheduling of meetings to allow maximum predictability in coordinating activities at Headquarters during the construction period;

3. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to keep the matter under constant review, and requests the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Committee on matters pertaining to the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations during the construction period;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide adequate information technology support for conference services, within the existing resources of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, in order to ensure their seamless operation throughout the implementation of the capital master plan;

5. *Notes* that, for the duration of the implementation of the capital master plan, a part of the conference-servicing staff and information technology resources of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management has been temporarily relocated to swing spaces, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide adequate support, within the existing resources of the Department, to ensure continued maintenance of the information technology facilities of the Department, implementation of the global information technology initiative and delivery of high-quality conference services;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult Member States on initiatives that affect the utilization of conference services and conference facilities;

III
Integrated global management

1. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Secretary-General in the context of the integrated global management initiative to establish and implement in the four main duty stations common performance indicators and single information technology systems (such as gData, gMeets, gDoc and gText), and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

2. *Recalls* section III, paragraph 15, of its resolution 66/233, and requests the Secretary-General to complete the internal reviews concerning accountability mechanisms and the clear delineation of responsibility between the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management and the Directors General of the United Nations Offices at Geneva, Nairobi and Vienna for conference management policies, operations and resource utilization, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

3. *Notes* the initiatives undertaken in the context of integrated global management aimed at streamlining procedures, achieving economies of scale and improving the quality of conference services, and in this regard stresses the importance of ensuring equal treatment of conference-servicing staff, as well as the principle of equal grade for equal work at the four main duty stations;

4. *Also notes* that the effects of workload-sharing in the context of global document management remain minimal, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to seek ways to promote workload-sharing among the four main duty stations and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

5. *Emphasizes* that the major goals of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management are to provide high-quality documents in a timely manner in all official languages, in accordance with established regulations, as well as high-quality conference services to Member States at all duty stations, and to achieve those aims as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

6. *Notes* that the pool of language professionals at duty stations is uneven in terms of language combinations, and requests the Secretary-General to develop recruitment, subcontracting and outreach policies that take full account of these imbalances and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all language services are given equal treatment and are provided with equally favourable working conditions and resources, with a view to achieving the maximum quality of services, with full respect for the specificities of the six official languages and taking into account their respective workloads;

8. *Reiterates* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure the compatibility of technologies used in all duty stations and to ensure that they are user-friendly in all official languages;

9. *Also reiterates* that the satisfaction of Member States is a key performance indicator in conference management and conference services;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that measures taken by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to seek the evaluation by Member States of the quality of the conference services provided to them, as a key performance indicator of the Department, provide equal opportunities to Member States to present their evaluations in the six official languages of the United Nations and are in full compliance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly, through the Committee on Conferences, on progress made in this regard;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore best practices and techniques in client satisfaction evaluations and to report regularly to the General Assembly on the results achieved;

12. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to seek the evaluation by Member States of the quality of the conference services provided to them, taking into consideration also comments and complaints raised by Member States either in writing or during meetings, and requests the Secretary-General to intensify his exploration of innovative ways to systematically capture and analyse feedback from Member States and chairs and secretaries of committees on the quality of conference services and to report thereon to the General Assembly through the Committee on Conferences;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to seek evaluation by Member States of the quality of the conference services provided to them, including through the language-specific informational meetings held once a year, ahead of the substantive session of the Committee on Conferences, or any necessary meeting scheduled upon the request of Member States, not to exceed two meetings per year, and to ensure that such measures provide equal opportunities to Member States to present their evaluations in the six official languages of the United Nations and that they are in full compliance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly apprised of progress made in integrated global management;

15. *Notes with concern* that the Secretary-General did not include in his report on the pattern of conferences[2] information about the financial savings achieved through the implementation of the integrated global management projects, as requested in section III, paragraph 4, of its resolution 63/248, in section III, paragraph 12, of its resolution 64/230, in section III, paragraph 14, of its resolution 65/245 and in section III, paragraph 14, of its resolution 66/233, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General redouble his efforts to include this information in his next report on the pattern of conferences;

16. *Notes* the flextime pilot project initiated by the United Nations Office at Vienna, stresses that the rules and regulations of the United Nations governing human resources issues should be applied uniformly during the implementation of the pilot project, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session on the evaluation of the pilot project, including a recommendation on whether the project should be continued at the United Nations Office at Vienna and further implemented at other duty stations;

17. *Welcomes* the proximity rule as an efficient approach, where feasible, to servicing meetings away from duty stations, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to rigorously apply the proximity rule to applicable meetings without jeopardizing the quality of services and to report thereon to the Committee on Conferences at its substantive session in 2013;

IV
Matters related to documentation and publications

1. *Emphasizes* the paramount importance of the equality of the six official languages of the United Nations;

2. *Reaffirms* its decision in section IV of its resolution 64/230 that all reports adopted by the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council shall be issued as documents in all official languages of the United Nations in a timely manner before their consideration by the Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 36/117 A of 10 December 1981, 51/211 A to E, 52/214, 53/208 A to E and 59/265, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the support necessary to that effect and to report to the General Assembly thereon at its sixty-eighth session;

3. *Reiterates with concern* its request that the Secretary-General ensure that the rules concerning the simultaneous distribution of documents in all six official languages be strictly respected as regards both the distribution of printed copies and the posting of parliamentary documentation on the Official Document System and the United Nations website, in keeping with section III, paragraph 5, of its resolution 55/222;

4. *Stresses* that matters related to conference management, including documentation, fall within the purview of the Fifth Committee;

5. *Reiterates* the importance of the timely issuance of documents for the Fifth Committee;

6. *Acknowledges* that a multipronged approach is required to find a solution to the perennial difficulties of the late issuance of documents for the Fifth Committee;

7. *Recognizes* the work done by the interdepartmental task force on documentation chaired by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in positively addressing the problem of issuance of documents for the Fifth Committee;

8. *Encourages* the Chairs of the Fifth Committee and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to continue to promote cooperation between the two bodies in the sphere of documentation;

9. *Welcomes* the continued efforts of the task force to shepherd the submission of documents by the author departments of the Secretariat;

10. *Notes* that accurate, timely and consistent information provided by the Secretariat to the Fifth Committee during its informal consultations facilitates the decision-making process in the Committee;

11. *Notes with satisfaction* that all documents submitted on time and within the word limit were processed by the Department for General Assembly and Conference

Management within four weeks, and encourages the Secretary-General to sustain that level of performance;

12. *Reaffirms* its decision in section III, paragraph 9, of its resolution 59/265 that the issuance of documents in all six official languages on planning, budgetary and administrative matters requiring urgent consideration by the General Assembly shall be accorded priority;

13. *Reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General direct all departments of the Secretariat to include the following elements in their reports:

(a) A summary of the report;

(b) Consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions;

(c) Relevant background information;

14. *Also reiterates its request* that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and intergovernmental and expert bodies for consideration and action have conclusions and recommendations in bold print;

15. *Notes with concern* that only 65 per cent of the author departments reached the compliance rate of 90 per cent in the timely submission of their reports to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, and requests the Secretary-General to enforce the slotting system more rigorously through a dedicated focus, such as the interdepartmental task force on documentation, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

16. *Urges* author departments to fully adhere to deadlines in meeting the goal of 90 per cent submission compliance, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that documents submitted late do not adversely affect the issuance of documents submitted on time and in compliance with set guidelines;

17. *Reiterates its request* in section IV, paragraph 18, of its resolution 66/233 that the Secretary-General provide information on the waiver process for documents that are submitted over the word limit;

18. *Welcomes* the interactions between the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and the author departments on waiver management, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure continuous efforts in this regard and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

19. *Emphasizes* the role of Member States and their intergovernmental bodies in determining the policies of conference management;

20. *Stresses* that proposals to change such policies are to be approved by Member States in their relevant intergovernmental bodies;

21. *Recalls* paragraphs 23 and 24 of the annex to its resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001 and section IV, paragraph 23, of its resolution 66/233, and requests the Secretary-General to elaborate the scope of the paper-smart concept so that it becomes a more comprehensive concept based on the use of modern technology in order to better serve Member States, bearing in mind the principle of language parity among the six official languages of the United Nations, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session, including detailed information on:

(a) Technological benchmarks, including but not limited to data security and services provided to Member States;

(b) Implications for financial and human resources, budgetary and procurement procedures;

(c) Implementation time frames at the four main duty stations;

(d) Integration of the related information and communications technology projects with Umoja;

(e) Business continuity plans;

(f) Possible training needs;

(g) Availability of the paper-smart portal;

(h) Accessibility for persons with disabilities;

22. *Notes* that the Official Document System is the official digital repository of the United Nations;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete the task of uploading all important older United Nations documents onto the United Nations website in all six official languages on a priority basis so that these archives will also be available to Member States through that medium;

24. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session on a detailed time frame for the digitization of all important older United Nations documents, including parliamentary documents, and on options for expediting this process within existing resources;

25. *Notes* the pilot project undertaken by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at the United Nations Office at Vienna to make a transition to digital recordings of meetings in the six official languages of the Organization as a cost-saving measure;

26. *Emphasizes* that the further expansion of this measure would require consideration, including of its legal, financial and human resources implications, by the General Assembly and full compliance with the relevant resolutions of the Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon and on the evaluation of the pilot project mentioned above to the Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

27. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of its resolution 49/221 B of 23 December 1994, and stresses that the timely issuance of verbatim records constitutes an important part of the services provided to Member States;

V
Matters related to translation and interpretation

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts to ensure the highest quality of interpretation and translation services in all six official languages;

2. *Reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General ensure that the terminology used in the translation and interpretation services reflects the latest linguistic norms and terminology of the official languages in order to ensure the highest quality;

3. *Reaffirms* section V, paragraph 4, of its resolution 66/233, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General, when recruiting temporary assistance in the language services, including through the use of international or local contracts, as appropriate, ensure that all language services are given equal treatment and are provided with equally favourable working conditions and resources, with a view to achieving maximum quality of their services, with full respect for the specificities of each of the six official languages and taking into account their respective workloads;

4. *Reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General consider further measures aimed at decreasing the vacancy rates at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to hold competitive examinations for the recruitment of language staff sufficiently in advance in order to fill current and future vacancies in the language services in a timely manner and to inform the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session of efforts in this regard;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to improve the quality of translation of documents into the six official languages, giving particular significance to the accuracy of translation;

7. *Reiterates* paragraph 8 of the annex to resolution 2 (I) of 1 February 1946, on the rules of procedure concerning languages, whereby all resolutions and other important documents shall be made available in the official languages and, upon the request of any representative, any other document shall be made available in any or all of the official languages;

8. *Stresses* the need to ensure the highest possible quality of contractual translation, and requests the Secretary-General to report on measures to be taken in this regard;

9. *Reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General provide, at all duty stations, adequate staff at the appropriate level, with a view to ensuring appropriate quality control for external translation, with due consideration of the principle of equal grade for equal work;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session on the experience, lessons learned and best practices of the main duty stations in performing quality control of contractual translations, including on requirements relating to the number and appropriate level of staff needed to carry out this function;

11. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to establish globally standardized performance indicators and costing models aimed at a more cost-effective strategy for the in-house processing of documents, and requests the Secretary-General to submit such information to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

12. *Notes with appreciation* the measures taken by the Secretary-General, in accordance with its resolutions, to address, among other things, the issue of the replacement of retiring staff in the language services, and requests the Secretary-General to maintain and intensify those efforts, including the strengthening of cooperation with institutions that train language specialists, in order to meet the needs in the six official languages of the United Nations;

13. *Notes* the need for energetic measures to avoid a disruptive shortage of applicants and a high turnover rate in the language career fields, and requests the Secretary-General to use the appropriate means to improve the internship programme, including through partnerships with organizations that promote the official languages of the United Nations;

14. *Also notes*, in this regard, that recent efforts have led to the signing of memorandums of understanding and collaboration agreements with two universities in Africa, and that a memorandum of understanding has been signed with a Latin American institution;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make further concerted efforts to promote outreach programmes, such as traineeships and internships, and to introduce innovative methods to increase awareness of the programmes, including through partnerships with Member States, relevant international organizations and language institutions in all regions, in particular to close the wide gap in Africa and Latin America, and to report to the General Assembly thereon at its sixty-eighth session;

16. *Requests* the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, in cooperation with the Office of Human Resources Management, to continue to increase its efforts to raise awareness among all Member States about opportunities for employment and internships in the language services at the four main duty stations;

17. *Notes with appreciation* the positive experience with traineeships at Headquarters and at the United Nations Office at Vienna in training young professionals in and attracting them to the translation and interpretation services of the United Nations, while enhancing the pool of qualified language professionals in language combinations that are critical for succession-planning purposes, and requests the Secretary-General to develop the initiative further, to extend it to all duty stations and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

18. *Notes* that the consolidated lists of individuals and entities subject to sanctions, according to the sanctions committees of the Security Council, have not yet been translated into all six official languages, reiterates its recommendation that the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions of the Security Council look further into the practices related to the issuance of these consolidated lists, including their translation, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon at its sixty-eighth session.

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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions and decisions on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations, including its resolutions 55/5 B and C of 23 December 2000, 57/4 B of 20 December 2002, 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, 61/237 of 22 December 2006 and 64/248 of 24 December 2009,

Reaffirming Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 160 of its rules of procedure,

Recalling paragraphs 5 and 6 of its resolution 58/1 B,

Having considered the reports of the Committee on Contributions on its seventy-first[1] and seventy-second sessions[2] and the report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans,[3]

1. *Reaffirms* that the determination of the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations shall remain the prerogative of the General Assembly;

2. *Also reaffirms* the fundamental principle that the expenses of the Organization shall be apportioned broadly according to capacity to pay;

3. *Further reaffirms* the obligation of all Member States to bear the expenses of the United Nations, as apportioned by the General Assembly, in conformity with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations;

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/66/11).
[2] Ibid., *Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/67/11).
[3] A/67/75.

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4. *Reaffirms* that the Committee on Contributions as a technical body is required to prepare the scale of assessments strictly on the basis of reliable, verifiable and comparable data;

5. *Decides* that the scale of assessments for the period 2013-2015 shall be based on the following elements and criteria:

(a) Estimates of gross national income;

(b) Average statistical base periods of three and six years;

(c) Conversion rates based on market exchange rates, except where that would cause excessive fluctuations and distortions in the income of some Member States, when price-adjusted rates of exchange or other appropriate conversion rates should be employed, taking due account of its resolution 46/221 B of 20 December 1991;

(d) The debt-burden approach employed in the scale of assessments for the period 2010-2012;

(e) A low per capita income adjustment of 80 per cent, with a threshold per capita income limit of the average per capita gross national income of all Member States for the statistical base periods;

(f) A minimum assessment rate of 0.001 per cent;

(g) A maximum assessment rate for the least developed countries of 0.01 per cent;

(h) A maximum assessment rate of 22 per cent;

6. *Notes* that the application of the current methodology, as set out above, reflects changes in the relative economic situations of the States Members of the United Nations;

7. *Also notes* that changes in Member States' shares in world gross national income result in changes in relative capacity to pay, which should be more accurately reflected in the scale of assessments;

8. *Recognizes* that the current methodology can be enhanced, bearing in mind the principle of capacity to pay;

9. *Also recognizes* the need to study the methodology in depth and in an effective and expeditious manner, taking into account the views expressed by Member States;

10. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions, in accordance with its mandate and the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to review and make recommendations on the elements of the methodology of the scale of assessments in order to reflect the capacity of Member States to pay, and to report thereon to the Assembly by the main part of its seventieth session;

11. *Resolves* that the scale of assessments for the contributions of Member States to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2013, 2014 and 2015 shall be as follows:

Member State	*Percentage*
Afghanistan	0.005
Albania	0.010
Algeria	0.137
Andorra	0.008
Angola	0.010
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002
Argentina	0.432
Armenia	0.007
Australia	2.074
Austria	0.798
Azerbaijan	0.040
Bahamas	0.017
Bahrain	0.039
Bangladesh	0.010
Barbados	0.008
Belarus	0.056
Belgium	0.998
Belize	0.001
Benin	0.003
Bhutan	0.001
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.009
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.017
Botswana	0.017
Brazil	2.934
Brunei Darussalam	0.026
Bulgaria	0.047
Burkina Faso	0.003
Burundi	0.001
Cambodia	0.004
Cameroon	0.012
Canada	2.984
Cape Verde	0.001
Central African Republic	0.001
Chad	0.002
Chile	0.334
China	5.148
Colombia	0.259
Comoros	0.001
Congo	0.005
Costa Rica	0.038

Member State	*Percentage*
Côte d'Ivoire	0.011
Croatia	0.126
Cuba	0.069
Cyprus	0.047
Czech Republic	0.386
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.006
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.003
Denmark	0.675
Djibouti	0.001
Dominica	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.045
Ecuador	0.044
Egypt	0.134
El Salvador	0.016
Equatorial Guinea	0.010
Eritrea	0.001
Estonia	0.040
Ethiopia	0.010
Fiji	0.003
Finland	0.519
France	5.593
Gabon	0.020
Gambia	0.001
Georgia	0.007
Germany	7.141
Ghana	0.014
Greece	0.638
Grenada	0.001
Guatemala	0.027
Guinea	0.001
Guinea-Bissau	0.001
Guyana	0.001
Haiti	0.003
Honduras	0.008
Hungary	0.266
Iceland	0.027
India	0.666
Indonesia	0.346
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.356
Iraq	0.068

Member State	*Percentage*
Ireland	0.418
Israel	0.396
Italy	4.448
Jamaica	0.011
Japan	10.833
Jordan	0.022
Kazakhstan	0.121
Kenya	0.013
Kiribati	0.001
Kuwait	0.273
Kyrgyzstan	0.002
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.002
Latvia	0.047
Lebanon	0.042
Lesotho	0.001
Liberia	0.001
Libya	0.142
Liechtenstein	0.009
Lithuania	0.073
Luxembourg	0.081
Madagascar	0.003
Malawi	0.002
Malaysia	0.281
Maldives	0.001
Mali	0.004
Malta	0.016
Marshall Islands	0.001
Mauritania	0.002
Mauritius	0.013
Mexico	1.842
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001
Monaco	0.012
Mongolia	0.003
Montenegro	0.005
Morocco	0.062
Mozambique	0.003
Myanmar	0.010
Namibia	0.010
Nauru	0.001
Nepal	0.006

Member State	*Percentage*
Netherlands	1.654
New Zealand	0.253
Nicaragua	0.003
Niger	0.002
Nigeria	0.090
Norway	0.851
Oman	0.102
Pakistan	0.085
Palau	0.001
Panama	0.026
Papua New Guinea	0.004
Paraguay	0.010
Peru	0.117
Philippines	0.154
Poland	0.921
Portugal	0.474
Qatar	0.209
Republic of Korea	1.994
Republic of Moldova	0.003
Romania	0.226
Russian Federation	2.438
Rwanda	0.002
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001
Samoa	0.001
San Marino	0.003
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001
Saudi Arabia	0.864
Senegal	0.006
Serbia	0.040
Seychelles	0.001
Sierra Leone	0.001
Singapore	0.384
Slovakia	0.171
Slovenia	0.100
Solomon Islands	0.001
Somalia	0.001
South Africa	0.372
South Sudan	0.004

Member State	*Percentage*
Spain	2.973
Sri Lanka	0.025
Sudan	0.010
Suriname	0.004
Swaziland	0.003
Sweden	0.960
Switzerland	1.047
Syrian Arab Republic	0.036
Tajikistan	0.003
Thailand	0.239
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.008
Timor-Leste	0.002
Togo	0.001
Tonga	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.044
Tunisia	0.036
Turkey	1.328
Turkmenistan	0.019
Tuvalu	0.001
Uganda	0.006
Ukraine	0.099
United Arab Emirates	0.595
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	5.179
United Republic of Tanzania	0.009
United States of America	22.000
Uruguay	0.052
Uzbekistan	0.015
Vanuatu	0.001
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.627
Viet Nam	0.042
Yemen	0.010
Zambia	0.006
Zimbabwe	0.002
Total	**100.000**

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans[3] and the related conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Contributions;[2]

13. *Reaffirms* paragraph 1 of its resolution 57/4 B;

14. *Encourages* Member States in arrears with their assessed contributions to the United Nations to consider submitting multi-year payment plans;

15. *Notes* that the Committee on Contribution conducted a review of its working methods during its seventy-second session, and requests it to keep them under review;

16. *Resolves* that:

(a) Notwithstanding the terms of financial regulation 3.9 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[4] the Secretary-General shall be empowered to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chair of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contributions of Member States for the calendar years 2013, 2014 and 2015 in currencies other than the United States dollar;

(b) In accordance with financial regulation 3.8,[4] the Holy See, which is not a member of the United Nations but which participates in certain of its activities, shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Organization for 2013, 2014, and 2015 on the basis of a notional assessment rate of 0.001 per cent, which represents the basis for the calculation of the flat annual fees to be charged to the Holy See in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/197 B of 21 December 1989;

17. *Decides* that the rate of assessment for South Sudan, admitted to membership in the United Nations on 14 July 2011, shall be 0.003 per cent for 2011 and 2012;

18. *Also decides* that South Sudan shall contribute at the rate of one twelfth of this percentage for each full month of membership in 2011;

19. *Further decides* that the contributions of South Sudan for 2011 and 2012 shall be applied to the same basis of assessment as for other Member States, except that, in the case of appropriations or apportionments approved by the General Assembly for the financing of peacekeeping operations, the contributions of South Sudan, as determined by the level of contributions for peacekeeping operations to which it is assigned in 2011 and 2012, pursuant to the provisions of Assembly resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, shall be calculated in proportion to the calendar year;

20. *Decides* that the assessments of South Sudan for 2011 and 2012 shall be taken into account as miscellaneous income under financial regulation 3.13;[4]

21. *Also decides* that, in accordance with financial regulation 3.7[4] the advance of South Sudan to the Working Capital Fund shall be calculated by the application of its rate of assessment for 2011 to the authorized level of the Fund and should be added to the Fund, pending its incorporation in a 100 per cent scale.

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[4] See ST/SGB/2003/7 and Amend.1.

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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/235 and 55/236 of 23 December 2000, 58/256 of 23 December 2003, 61/243 of 22 December 2006 and 64/249 of 24 December 2009,

Reaffirming the principles set out in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235,

Recalling its request to the Secretary-General, in paragraph 15 of resolution 55/235, to update the composition of the levels of contribution of Member States for peacekeeping operations described in the resolution on a triennial basis, in conjunction with the regular budget scale of assessments reviews, in accordance with the criteria established in the resolution, and to report thereon to the General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolutions 55/235 and 55/236,[1]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[1] and of the updated composition of levels of contribution for peacekeeping operations for the period 2013 to 2015 contained therein;[2]

2. *Reaffirms* the following general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations:

(a) The financing of such operations is the collective responsibility of all States Members of the United Nations and, accordingly, the costs of peacekeeping

[1] A/67/224.
[2] Ibid, annex II.

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operations are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations;

(b) In order to meet the expenditures caused by such operations, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures under the regular budget of the United Nations;

(c) Whereas the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions to peacekeeping operations, the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards peacekeeping operations involving heavy expenditures;

(d) The special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council for the maintenance of peace and security should be borne in mind in connection with their contributions to the financing of peace and security operations;

(e) Where circumstances warrant, the General Assembly should give special consideration to the situation of any Member States which are victims of, and those which are otherwise involved in, the events or actions leading to a peacekeeping operation;

3. *Also reaffirms* that assessment rates for the financing of peacekeeping operations should be based on the scale of assessments for the regular budget of the United Nations, with an appropriate and transparent system of adjustments based on the levels of Member States, consistent with the principles outlined above;

4. *Further reaffirms* that the permanent members of the Security Council should form a separate level and that, consistent with their special responsibilities for the maintenance of peace and security, they should be assessed at a higher rate than for the regular budget;

5 *Reaffirms* that all discounts resulting from adjustments to the regular budget assessment rates of Member States in levels C through J shall be borne on a pro rata basis by the permanent members of the Security Council;

6. *Also reaffirms* that the least developed countries should be placed in a separate level and receive the highest rate of discount available under the scale;

7. *Further reaffirms* that the statistical data used for setting the rates of assessment for peacekeeping should be the same as the data used in preparing the regular budget scale of assessments, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

8. *Reaffirms* the decision to create levels of discount to facilitate automatic, predictable movement between categories on the basis of the per capita gross national income of Member States;

9. *Decides* that South Sudan should be assigned to level I for 2011 and 2012;

10. *Notes* that, pursuant to its resolution 47/217 of 23 December 1992, the assessment of South Sudan for the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund will be calculated by the application of its first rate of assessment for peacekeeping operations to the authorized level of the Fund;

11. *Decides* that, as from 1 January 2013, the rates of assessment for peacekeeping should be based on the ten levels of contribution and parameters set forth in the table below:

Level	*Criterion*	*Threshold in United States dollars (2013-2015)*	*Discount (percentage)*
A	Permanent members of the Security Council	Not applicable	Premium
B	All Member States, except those covered below and level A	Not applicable	0
C	As listed in the annex to General Assembly resolution 55/235	Not applicable	7.5
D	Member States with per capita gross national income less than 2 times the average for all Member States (except level A, C and J contributors)	Under 16,676	20
E	Member States with per capita gross national income less than 1.8 times the average for all Member States (except level A, C and J contributors)	Under 15,009	40
F	Member States with per capita gross national income less than 1.6 times the average for all Member States (except level A, C and J contributors)	Under 13,341	60
G	Member States with per capita gross national income less than 1.4 times the average for all Member States (except level A, C and J contributors)	Under 11,674	70
H	Member States with per capita gross national income less than 1.2 times the average for all Member States (except level A, C and J contributors)	Under 10,006	80 (or 70 on a voluntary basis)[a]
I	Member States with per capita gross national income less than the average for all Member States (except level A, C and J contributors)	Under 8,338	80
J	Least developed countries (except level A and C contributors)	Not applicable	90

[a] Member States in level H* have a discount of 70 per cent.

12. *Encourages* States Members of the United Nations at all levels to move up voluntarily in their level of contribution;

13. *Welcomes with appreciation* the commitment of certain Member States to undertake voluntarily to contribute to peacekeeping operations at a rate higher than required by their per capita income;

14. *Recalls* its decision that, at any time during the scale period, a Member State may make a voluntary commitment to contribute at a rate higher than its current rate by informing the General Assembly through the Secretary-General, and the Assembly may take note of that decision;[3]

15. *Reaffirms* that Member States will be assigned to the lowest level of contribution with the highest discount for which they are eligible, unless they indicate a decision to move to a higher level;

16. *Also reaffirms* that, for purposes of determining the eligibility of Member States for contribution in particular levels during the 2013-2015 scale period, the average per capita gross national income of all Member States will be 8,338 United States dollars and the per capita gross national income of Member States will be the average of 2005 to 2010 figures;

17. *Further reaffirms* that transition periods of two years will apply to countries moving up by two levels, and that transition periods of three years will apply to countries moving up by three or more levels without prejudice to paragraph 15 above;

18. *Reaffirms* that transitions as specified above will occur in equal increments over the transition period as designated above;

19. *Endorses* the updated composition of levels to be applied in adjusting regular budget scale rates to establish Member States' rates of assessment for peacekeeping operations for the period from 2013 to 2015;[4]

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue updating the composition of the levels described above on a triennial basis, in conjunction with the regular budget scale of assessment reviews, in accordance with the criteria established above, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

21. *Recognizes* the need to reform the current methodology for apportioning the expenses of peacekeeping operations;

22. *Decides* to review the structure of the levels of the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations, during its seventieth session.

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[3] Resolution 55/236, para. 6.

[4] A/67/224, annex III and A/67/224/Add.1.

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Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

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Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/212 B of 31 March 1998 and its decision 57/573 of 20 December 2002,

Recalling also its resolutions 65/243 A and B of 24 December 2010 and 30 June 2011 and 66/232 A and B of 24 December 2011 and 21 June 2012,

Recalling further its resolutions 55/231 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 57/290 B of 18 June 2003, 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/257 of 8 May 2006, 61/245 of 22 December 2006, 63/276 of 7 April 2009, 64/259 of 29 March 2010 and 66/257 of 9 April 2012,

Having considered, for the period ended 31 December 2011, the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audit opinions of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations,[1] the International Trade Centre,[2] the United Nations University,[3] the United Nations Development Programme,[4] the United Nations Children's Fund,[5] the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,[6] the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,[7] the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 5*, vol. I and corrigenda (A/67/5 (Vol. I) and Corr.1 and 2).
[2] Ibid., vol. III (A/67/5 (Vol. III)).
[3] Ibid., vol. IV (A/67/5 (Vol. IV)).
[4] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5A* (A/67/5/Add.1).
[5] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5B* (A/67/5/Add.2).
[6] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5C* (A/67/5/Add.3).
[7] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5D* (A/67/5/Add.4).

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Commissioner for Refugees,[8] the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme,[9] the United Nations Population Fund,[10] the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,[11] the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,[12] the United Nations Office for Project Services,[13] the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994,[14] the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991[15] and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women,[16] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the concise summary of the principal findings and conclusions contained in the reports of the Board of Auditors,[17] the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations for the biennium ended 31 December 2011[18] and on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations funds and programmes for the financial period ended 31 December 2011[19] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[20]

1. *Accepts* the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audit opinions of the Board of Auditors for the above-mentioned organizations;[1-16]

2. *Approves* the recommendations and conclusions contained in the reports of the Board of Auditors;

3. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[20] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Reaffirms* that the Board of Auditors shall be completely independent and solely responsible for the conduct of audits;

5. *Decides* to consider further the reports of the Board of Auditors on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda[14] and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia[15] under the respective agenda items relating to the Tribunals;

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[8] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5E* (A/67/5/Add.5).
[9] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5F* and corrigendum (A/67/5/Add.6 and Corr.1).
[10] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5G* (A/67/5/Add.7).
[11] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5H* and corrigendum (A/67/5/Add.8 and Corr.1).
[12] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5I* and corrigendum (A/67/5/Add.9 and Corr.1).
[13] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5J* (A/67/5/Add.10).
[14] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5K* (A/67/5/Add.11).
[15] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5L* (A/67/5/Add.12).
[16] Ibid., *Supplement No. 5M* and corrigendum (A/67/5/Add.13 and Corr.1).
[17] A/67/173.
[18] A/67/319, sects. I and II.
[19] A/67/319/Add.1.
[20] A/67/381.

6. *Commends* the Board of Auditors for the continued high quality of its reports, in particular with respect to its comments on the management of resources and improving the presentation of financial statements;

7. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors;[18,19]

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the funds and programmes of the United Nations to ensure full implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in a prompt and timely manner, to continue to hold programme managers accountable for the non-implementation of recommendations and to effectively address the root causes of the problems highlighted by the Board;

9. *Also reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to provide in his reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors a full explanation for the delays in the implementation of the recommendations of the Board, in particular those recommendations not yet fully implemented that are two or more years old;

10. *Further reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to indicate in future reports an expected time frame for the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, as well as the priorities for their implementation and the office holders to be held accountable;

11. *Notes with deep concern* the recurrence of systemic problems previously identified by the Board of Auditors related to accounting for expendable and non-expendable property, cash fund management, procurement and contract management, and in this regard stresses the need for the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors as a matter of priority;

12. *Recalls* paragraphs 45 and 46 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[20] requests the United Nations entities concerned to take all adequate measures to address the issues raised therein, and requests the Advisory Committee to request the Board to report thereon at its sixty-eighth session;

13. *Notes with concern* that the Board of Auditors identified in the financial statements of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the biennium ended 31 December 2011 one "other matter" relating to the impact of low levels of funding and cash on the internal control of the Agency, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the expeditious implementation of the recommendations of the Board;

14. *Also notes with concern* that the Board of Auditors identified in the financial statements of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for the biennium ended 31 December 2011 one "emphasis of matter", namely that the internal control system of the Entity for oversight of operations, projects and programmes had not fully matured during the year to ensure consistent application throughout the Entity's operation, and one "other matter", on the transfer of assets and liabilities to the Entity at different dates, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the expeditious implementation of the recommendations of the Board;

15. *Notes with appreciation* the reports and recommendations of the Board of Auditors on major business transformation projects of the United Nations;

16. *Recalls* paragraphs 21 to 27 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[20] and urges the Secretary-General to implement, as a matter of priority, all the related recommendations of both the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee;

17. *Also recalls* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on major business transformation projects, as mentioned in paragraphs 21 to 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and encourages the Secretary-General to take into account these recommendations when preparing future initiatives of comparable size and complexity, including initiatives relating to institutional restructuring;

18. *Notes with concern* that the successful implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards at the United Nations, the peacekeeping operations, the United Nations University and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women remain at high risk, and requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to invite all the heads of the United Nations entities to take the appropriate measures to mitigate these risks and to report thereon at its sixty-eighth session;

19. *Stresses* that results-based management is a central management tool for improving performance and ensuring the achievement of the expected results based on mandates provided by Member States;

20. *Also stresses* that the effective implementation of results-based management requires the Organization to create a sustained focus on results and therefore sustained and focused engagement by senior management, and in this regard encourages the Secretary-General to assign a senior manager with responsibility for implementing results-based management;

21. *Regrets* the significant deficiencies found by the Board of Auditors in the implementation of results-based budgeting in the United Nations, and in this regard urges the Secretary-General to address those deficiencies as a matter of priority;

22. *Reaffirms* its resolution 62/224 of 22 December 2007.

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United Nations pension system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 63/252 of 24 December 2008, 65/249 of 24 December 2010 and section V of its resolution 66/247 of 24 December 2011,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for 2012,[1] including the financial statements of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the biennium ended 31 December 2011, the audit opinion and report of the Board of Auditors thereon, the information provided on the internal audits of the Fund and the observations of the Board and of the Audit Committee, the report of the Secretary-General on the investments of the Fund and measures undertaken to increase diversification[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for 2012,[1] in particular the actions taken by the Board as set out in chapter II.B of the report;

2. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

Actuarial matters

3. *Notes with deep concern* the results of the actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, which revealed a deficit of 1.87 per cent of pensionable remuneration as at 31 December 2011, which was the Fund's second

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9* (A/67/9).
[2] A/C.5/67/2.
[3] A/67/525.

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actuarial deficit following that of 0.38 per cent of pensionable remuneration as at 31 December 2009, and in this regard emphasizes the need to make every effort to address the actuarial situation of the Fund to ensure its long-term sustainability;

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund meeting its target annual real rate of return of 3.5 per cent over the long term;

5. *Welcomes* the decision of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to establish a working group to consider possible measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Fund, and looks forward to receiving information on the group's findings and recommendations in the context of future reports of the Board;

Financial statements of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and report of the Board of Auditors

6. *Notes* that the Board of Auditors issued an unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the biennium ended 31 December 2011;[4]

7. *Also notes* the improved status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

8. *Further notes* the progress made by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards;

Benefit provisions and pension adjustment system

9. *Notes* the advice of the consulting actuary and the Committee of Actuaries of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund that, given the serious impact that increased longevity has had on the actuarial situation of the Fund, raising the Fund's normal retirement age to age 65 would help to improve the actuarial situation of the Fund;

10. *Authorizes* the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to increase the normal retirement age to 65 for new participants in the Fund, with effect not later than from 1 January 2014, unless the General Assembly has not decided on a corresponding increase in the mandatory age of separation;

11. *Concurs*, in accordance with article 13 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and with a view to securing continuity of pension rights, with the new transfer agreements of the Fund with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the African Development Bank, as approved by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and set out in annex XIV to the report of the Board for 2012, which will become effective 1 January 2013;

12. *Approves* new article 45 *bis*, as set out in annex XI to the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, which allows the Fund, in very specific circumstances, to pay a portion of a retiree's benefit directly to the retiree's former employing organization towards making restitution to the organization in cases where amounts had been embezzled by the staff member from the organization;

[4] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9* (A/67/9), annex X.

13. *Also approves* the technical changes in the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and the pension adjustment system in accordance with past decisions and amendments adopted by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the General Assembly, as set out in annexes XI and XIII, respectively, to the report of the Board;

14. *Takes note* of the amendments to the Administrative Rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, as set out in annex XII to the report of the Board, to refine the Administrative Rules and align them with the Regulations of the Fund;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and in this regard stresses that any consideration by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board of a medical standard for participation in the Fund should be in full compliance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 66/229 of 24 December 2011 on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto;

Investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

16. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and measures undertaken to increase diversification[2] and the observations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, as set out in its report;

17. *Recalls* its resolution 33/121 B of 19 December 1978;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Fund, to continue to diversify its investments between developed, developing and emerging markets, wherever this serves the interests of the participants and the beneficiaries of the Fund, and also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that decisions concerning the investments of the Fund in any country are implemented prudently, taking fully into account the four main criteria for investment, namely, safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility, under the current volatile market conditions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General, as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Fund, to continue to explore prospects in all markets, taking into account risk-return profiles and always applying sound risk management techniques, and taking fully into account the four main criteria for investment of the Fund.

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Programme planning

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Programme planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 38/227 A of 20 December 1983, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 55/234 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 57/282 of 20 December 2002, 58/268 and 58/269 of 23 December 2003, 59/275 of 23 December 2004, 60/257 of 8 May 2006, 61/235 of 22 December 2006, 62/224 of 22 December 2007, 63/247 of 24 December 2008, 64/229 of 22 December 2009, 65/244 of 24 December 2010 and 66/8 of 11 November 2011,

Recalling also the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as outlined in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976,

Recalling further the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,[1] by which the relevant programmes and subprogrammes of the proposed strategic framework shall be reviewed by the relevant sectoral, functional and regional intergovernmental bodies, if possible during the regular cycle of their meetings,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fifty-second session,[2] the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015: part one: plan outline[3] and part two: biennial

[1] ST/SGB/2000/8.
[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/67/16).
[3] A/67/6 (Part one).

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programme plan[4] and the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2010-2011,[5]

1. *Reaffirms* the role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as the main subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination;

2. *Re-emphasizes* the role of the plenary and the Main Committees of the General Assembly in reviewing and taking action on the appropriate recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work, in accordance with regulation 4.10 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;[1]

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015, contained in chapter II, section B, of its report on the work of its fifty-second session,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Decides* not to take a decision on the content of part one: plan outline[3] of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, when preparing future plan outlines, that the proposed strategic frameworks take fully into account the guidelines provided by the General Assembly in its resolutions 59/275, 61/235, 62/224, 63/247 and subsequent relevant resolutions;

6. *Decides* that the priorities of the United Nations for the period 2014-2015 shall be the following:

(a) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

(b) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(c) Development of Africa;

(d) Promotion of human rights;

(e) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(f) Promotion of justice and international law;

(g) Disarmament;

(h) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

7. *Stresses* that setting the priorities of the United Nations is the prerogative of the Member States, as reflected in legislative mandates;

[4] A/67/6 (Progs. 1, 2 and Corr.1 and 3-28).
[5] A/67/77.

8. *Also stresses* the need for Member States to participate fully in the budget preparation process, from its early stages and throughout the process;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 on the basis of the above priorities and the strategic framework as adopted in the present resolution;

Programme performance report

10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2010-2011;[5]

11. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2010-2011, contained in paragraphs 40, 41, 42 and 44 of its report on the work of its fifty-second session;[2]

12. *Emphasizes* the need for the Secretary-General to strictly adhere to the concepts, terms and mandates approved in the strategic frameworks, while preparing the related programme performance reports;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to issue a corrigendum to his report to replace the specific names of Arab countries enumerated in paragraph 48, in the textbox after paragraph 693 and in paragraph 721 of the report on programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2010-2011[5] by the following words "some Arab countries";

14. *Stresses* that, while future reports on programme performance will be more aligned with objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, information on the outputs shall continue to be provided in the reports;

Evaluation and coordination questions

15. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on evaluation, contained in chapter II, section C, of its report;[2] on the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2011/12, contained in chapter III, section A; and on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, contained in chapter III, section B, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the timely implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations;

16. *Reiterates* its invitation to the Economic and Social Council to utilize the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination when considering related reports of the Chief Executives Board;

17. *Stresses* the importance of fostering dialogue and interaction between the secretariat of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination and Member States, as well as of full respect for the intergovernmental mandates of the member organizations of the Board, when implementing initiatives and activities.

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Administration of justice at the United Nations

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Administration of justice at the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XI of its resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001, its resolutions 57/307 of 15 April 2003, 59/266 of 23 December 2004, 59/283 of 13 April 2005, 61/261 of 4 April 2007, 62/228 of 22 December 2007, 63/253 of 24 December 2008, 64/233 of 22 December 2009, 65/251 of 24 December 2010 and 66/237 of 24 December 2011, as well as its decisions 63/531 of 11 December 2008 and 65/513 of 11 December 2010,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice at the United Nations,[1] on amendments to the rules of procedure of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal[2] and on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services,[3] the report of the Internal Justice Council on the administration of justice at the United Nations,[4] the letter dated 23 October 2012 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee,[5] the letter dated 10 October 2012 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice at the United Nations,[1] on amendments to the rules of procedure of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal[2] and on

[1] A/67/265 and Corr.1.
[2] A/67/349.
[3] A/67/172.
[4] A/67/98.
[5] A/C.5/67/9.
[6] A/67/538.
[7] A/67/547.

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the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services;[3]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

I
System of administration of justice

3. *Recalls* section I, paragraph 5, of its resolution 53/221 of 7 April 1999, in which it underlined its full respect for the prerogatives and responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Charter of the United Nations, and reaffirms that the resolutions of the General Assembly and the decisions of the International Civil Service Commission are binding on the Secretary-General and on the Organization;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 6 of its resolution 66/237 and paragraph 9 of its resolution 65/251, and stresses that all elements of the system of administration of justice must work in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the legal and regulatory framework approved by the General Assembly;

5. *Reaffirms* that, in accordance with paragraph 28 of resolution 63/253, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal shall not have any powers beyond those conferred under their respective statutes;[8]

6. *Emphasizes* that the decisions of the General Assembly related to administrative and budgetary matters are subject to review by the General Assembly alone;

7. *Reaffirms* that recourse to general principles of law and the Charter by the Tribunals is to take place within the context of and consistent with their statutes and the relevant General Assembly resolutions, regulations, rules and administrative issuances;

8. *Notes* that some decisions taken by the Tribunals may have contradicted the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on human resources management-related issues;

9. *Reaffirms* its decision, contained in paragraph 4 of resolution 61/261, to establish a new, independent, transparent, professionalized, adequately resourced and decentralized system of administration of justice consistent with the relevant rules of international law and the principles of the rule of law and due process to ensure respect for the rights and obligations of staff members and the accountability of managers and staff members alike;

10. *Notes with appreciation* the achievements produced since the inception of the new system of administration of justice, regarding both the disposal of the backlog and the addressing of new cases;

11. *Acknowledges* the evolving nature of the new system of administration of justice and the need to carefully monitor its implementation to ensure that it remains within the parameters set out by the General Assembly;

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[8] Resolution 63/253, annexes I and II, respectively.

12. *Emphasizes* the importance of the principle of judicial independence in the system of administration of justice;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to make every effort to institutionalize good management practices in order to address the underlying factors that give rise to disputes in the workplace and to report thereon to the Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

14. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring access for all staff members to the new system of administration of justice, regardless of their duty station;

15. *Invites* all who are involved in the implementation and functioning of the system of administration of justice, including managers and staff members, to contribute to strengthening the system of administration of justice, aiming to ensure that the system has a positive impact on staff-management relations and improves the performance of both staff and managers;

16. *Notes with concern* that performance management is highlighted as the single most important cross-cutting issue in the report on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services;[3]

17. *Recognizes* that sound performance management can greatly contribute to avoiding conflict in the workplace, and requests the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts to continue to develop and implement a credible, fair and fully functioning performance appraisal system;

18. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of its resolution 66/237, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, for consideration at the main part of its sixty-eighth session, an updated report on issues relevant to its review of the statutes of the Tribunals;[8]

19. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and requests the Secretary-General to submit for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session a proposal for conducting an interim independent assessment of the formal system of administration of justice;

20. *Decides* that the assessment requested in paragraph 19 above should be conducted in a cost-efficient manner and within existing resources;

II
Informal system

21. *Recognizes* that the informal system of administration of justice is an efficient and effective option for staff who seek redress of grievances and for managers to participate in;

22. *Reaffirms* that the informal resolution of conflict is a crucial element of the system of administration of justice, emphasizes that all possible use should be made of the informal system in order to avoid unnecessary litigation, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to recommend to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session additional measures to encourage recourse to informal resolution of disputes and to avoid unnecessary litigation;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to ensure that management responds to requests of the Ombudsmen and Mediation Services in a timely manner;

24. *Stresses* the importance of developing a culture of dialogue and amicable resolution of disputes through the informal system, and requests the Secretary-General to propose measures to encourage informal dispute resolution at the main part of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly;

25. *Recalls* paragraph 153 of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to take concrete measures to address the current organizational culture whereby there is a tendency to shift responsibility for the resolution of conflict upwards in the organizational hierarchy;

26. *Welcomes* the recommendations made in the report on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services to address systemic and cross-cutting issues, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-eighth session on progress made on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report;

27. *Reiterates* its requests, contained in paragraph 67 (a) of resolution 62/228, paragraph 21 of resolution 63/253, paragraphs 16 to 18 of resolution 65/251 and paragraph 19 of resolution 66/237, to the Secretary-General to report to it on the revised terms of reference for the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the terms of reference and guidelines for the Office are promulgated as soon as possible;

28. *Recalls* paragraph 18 of its resolution 66/237 regarding the establishment of a single integrated and decentralized Office of the Ombudsman for the United Nations Secretariat, funds and programmes, and acknowledges that progress has been made in this regard;

29. *Recalls* paragraph 20 of resolution 66/237, welcomes the information provided informally by the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services on the financial and administrative implications resulting from settlements reached through informal dispute resolution, and requests the Office to provide to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session another informal briefing on such implications;

30. *Recognizes* the positive impact of the establishment of the seven regional offices of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, in Bangkok, Geneva, Nairobi, Santiago, Vienna, the peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

III
Formal system

31. *Recognizes* the roles of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal;

32. *Recalls* article 7 of the statute of the Dispute Tribunal and article 6 of the statute of the Appeals Tribunal,[8] and encourages the Tribunals to continue to expand, as appropriate, their practice of consultation in the process for developing amendments to their rules of procedure;

33. *Requests* that the rules of procedure of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal[2] be amended accordingly whenever a decision of the Assembly entails a change in the rules of procedure;

34. *Recalls* paragraph 35 of its resolution 66/237, and notes that corresponding changes in the rules of procedure of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal have not yet been made;

35. *Approves* the amendments to article 9 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal as proposed in annex II to the report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the rules of procedure of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal;[2]

36. *Welcomes* the issuance and dissemination of lessons learned guides arising from the judgements of the Tribunals;

37. *Notes* the increasing number of cases proceeding to formal adjudication;

38. *Also notes* that the authority of judges and the applicability of their judgements derive from decisions of the General Assembly, including the statute of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the statute of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal;[8]

39. *Recalls* its decision in paragraphs 30 and 31 of its resolution 63/253 that the conditions of service of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal be treated separately from the conditions of service of other judicial appointments in the United Nations system;

40. *Emphasizes* the importance of recruiting the candidates best able to shape the United Nations Appeals Tribunal as a pillar of judicial excellence, and invites the Internal Justice Council, with reference to the recommendation in paragraph 35 of its report,[4] to specify its recommendations on the stipulated qualifications for the Appeals Tribunal judges;

41. *Recalls* paragraph 52 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and decides to approve the mechanism for addressing possible misconduct of judges proposed by the Secretary-General in section B of annex VII to his report;[1]

42. *Recognizes* the importance of effective measures against the filing of frivolous applications, encourages the judges to make full use of those measures currently available to them, and invites the Internal Justice Council to provide its views on appropriate options in this regard;

43. *Takes note* of paragraph 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and decides to consider the request for an additional Legal Officer position at the P-3 level in the Management Evaluation Unit in the context of the proposed budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations at the second part of its resumed sixty-seventh session;

44. *Stresses* the need to ensure that all individuals acting as legal representatives, whether staff members or external counsel, are subject to the same standards of professional conduct applicable in the United Nations system, and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Internal Justice Council and other relevant bodies, to prepare a code of conduct for legal representatives who are

external individuals and not staff members, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-eighth session;

45. *Decides* to consider the continued requirement for the P-3 Legal Officer position in the Office of Staff Legal Assistance in Nairobi in the context of its consideration of the support account for peacekeeping operations at the second part of its resumed sixty-seventh session;

46. *Welcomes* the positive contributions of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance to the system of the administration of justice, and decides to revert at its sixty-eighth session to the mandate and functioning of the Office;

47. *Decides* that the overall level of resources for the Office of Staff Legal Assistance shall be maintained at its current level until the General Assembly takes a decision regarding a staff-funded scheme;

48. *Notes* that the report of the Secretary-General[1] contains a number of joint financing options for the Office of Staff Legal Assistance by the Organization and the staff, and in this regard, requests the Secretary-General, when submitting a single preferred proposal for consideration and approval by the General Assembly, at the main part of its sixty-eighth session, to do so in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, including the Internal Justice Council and staff representatives;

49. *Recalls* paragraph 34 of its resolution 66/237, paragraph 46 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[7] article 10.7 of the statute of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and article 9.3 of the statute of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal,[8] and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to solicit responses to facilitate the submission of further information to the General Assembly for its consideration at the main part of its sixty-eighth session on the practice of tribunals in other international organizations and in Member States regarding awards for moral damages, emotional distress, procedural irregularities and violations of due process;

50. *Notes* the importance of ensuring that all categories of personnel have access to recourse mechanisms through which to resolve disputes;

51. *Takes note* of the proposed expedited arbitration procedures developed by the Secretary-General for consultants and individual contractors,[9] and decides to remain seized of the matter;

52. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include information on disputes involving non-staff personnel in the context of both management evaluation and informal mediation in his respective reports and to provide information also on existing measures to institutionalize good management practice that aim to avoid or mitigate disputes involving the different categories of non-staff personnel;

IV
Financial implications and cost-sharing arrangements

53. *Expresses concern* that the agreement on a cost-sharing arrangement for the totality of the internal justice system has not yet been finalized and that the full amount of reimbursement has not yet been received by the participating entities;

[9] A/67/265 and Corr.1, annex IV.

54. *Recalls* paragraph 43 of its resolution 66/237, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to expedite the finalization of agreements on cost-sharing arrangements for the totality of the internal justice system, including on the expected reimbursement of approximately 4.5 million United States dollars from the participating United Nations entities, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-eighth session;

V
Other issues

55. *Recalls* paragraph 8 of its resolution 61/261 and paragraph 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-eighth session proposals with reference to accountability of individuals where violations of the rules and procedures of the Organization have led to financial loss;

56. *Notes with concern* the delays in selecting new members of the Internal Justice Council, notes that the lack of a functioning Internal Justice Council jeopardizes the control mechanisms of the formal part of the system of administration of justice, requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly apprised of progress in appointing members to fill the remaining vacancies on the Council, and requests the Internal Justice Council to provide recommendations and to report on lessons learned drawn from this situation;

57. *Recalls* paragraph 45 of its resolution 66/237, stresses that the Internal Justice Council can help to ensure independence, professionalism and accountability in the system of administration of justice, and requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Council with including the views of both the Dispute Tribunal and the Appeals Tribunal in its annual reports;

58. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the reports requested in paragraphs 13, 18, 19, 44, 48, 49, 54 and 55 of the present resolution in a single comprehensive report on administration of justice to be submitted to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-eighth session;

59. *Invites* the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the comprehensive report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

60. *Reaffirms* the need for fully equipped courtrooms and other administrative requirements for the Tribunals, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of functional courtrooms with adequate facilities as a matter of urgency.

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Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

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Programme budget implications relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

A. Situation of human rights in Myanmar

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/67/L.49/Rev.1

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/67/L.49/Rev.1, additional resources amounting to $1,397,800 would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 under section 3, Political affairs, and $122,100 under section 37, Staff assessment, to be offset by the same amount under Income section 1: Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the continued efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar. Approval for those requirements is being sought in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the Assembly and/or the Security Council in document A/67/346/Add.1.

[1] A/C.5/67/14.
[2] A/67/621.

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B. Committee against Torture

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/67/L.45

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/67/L.45, additional requirements amounting to $1,444,600 (net) would arise for the biennium 2012-2013, including $294,600 under section 24, Human rights; $1,143,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and $6,100 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, representing a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require appropriation for the biennium 2012-2013.

C. The arms trade treaty

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/67/L.11

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[5] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] decides to: (a) inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.1/67/L.11, additional requirements for the travel of the President-designate of the Conference and consultancy amounting to $134,200 would arise for the biennium 2012-2013 under section 4, Disarmament, representing a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require appropriation for the biennium 2012-2013; and (b) requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to absorb the additional requirements under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($380,600), and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services ($49,000).

[3] A/C.5/67/11.
[4] A/67/637.
[5] A/C.5/67/13.
[6] A/67/649.

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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Draft resolution submitted by the Chair

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2014-2015

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit in off-budget years an outline of the proposed programme budget for the following biennium,

Reaffirming also section VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990,

Reaffirming further rule 153 of its rules of procedure,

Recalling its resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003,

Recognizing that the outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium, while ensuring that such resources are adequate for the fulfilment of the objectives, programmes and activities of the Organization, as mandated by the relevant legislative bodies of the United Nations,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2014-2015[1] and the recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

[1] A/67/529 and Corr.1.
[2] A/67/625.

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3. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

4. *Expresses* its full respect for the authority and the prerogatives of the Secretary-General as the chief administrative officer of the Organization;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General not to take any measures that do not respect the prerogatives of the General Assembly;

6. *Reaffirms* that the budget outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium and promote greater involvement of Member States in the budgetary process, thereby facilitating the broadest possible agreement on the programme budget;

7. *Also reaffirms* that the proposed programme budget outline shall contain an indication of the following:

(a) A preliminary estimate of resources needed to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium;

(b) Priorities, reflecting general trends of a broad sectoral nature;

(c) Real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget;

(d) Size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources;

8. *Stresses* that the budget outline is a preliminary estimate of resources;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General, when preparing the budget, to carefully evaluate and consider the entire quantum of resources necessary to carry out the programmes and activities mandated by the General Assembly and other organs;

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General to prepare his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 on the basis of a preliminary estimate of 5,392,672,400 United States dollars at revised 2012-2013 rates;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when making proposals for savings in the programme budget, to ensure the fair, equitable and non-selective treatment of all budget sections;

12. *Decides* that the priorities for the biennium 2014-2015 shall be the following:

(a) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

(b) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(c) Development of Africa;

(d) Promotion of human rights;

(e) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(f) Promotion of justice and international law;

(g) Disarmament;

(h) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reflect the priorities outlined in paragraph 12 above when presenting the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

14. *Recognizes* the need for measures to improve the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, with a view to strengthening its effectiveness in dealing with political, economic and social issues;

15. *Recognizes*, furthermore, that efforts to achieve savings and the efficient utilization of resources constitute an ongoing process and should not adversely affect the full implementation of mandated programmes and activities;

16. *Notes* that the budget proposal will reflect the benefit of further reviews of possible obsolete activities, additional cost-effective measures and simplified procedures, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to rigorously pursue this in accordance with regulation 5.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,[3] and established practices;

17. *Reiterates* its request contained in paragraph 15 of its resolution 65/262, and requests the Secretary-General to include a summary of initiatives aimed at improving cost-effectiveness as well as information on the resources actually or expected to be freed up by their implementation;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, in his proposed programme budget for 2014-2015, proposals stemming from a comprehensive review of the staffing requirements for the Organization, to ensure that staffing reflects best practices and is appropriate to effectively implement mandates;

19. *Stresses* that the contingency fund should be used in strict accordance with paragraph 9 of annex I to resolution 41/213 and paragraph 3 of section C of the annex to resolution 42/211;

20. *Decides* that the contingency fund shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate, namely, at 40,445,043 United States dollars, that this amount shall be in addition to the overall level of the preliminary estimate, and that it shall be used in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund.

[3] ST/SGB/2000/8.

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The General Assembly, having considered the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2012,[1] requests the Commission to maintain the current New York post adjustment multiplier to 31 January 2013, with the understanding that the normal operation of the post adjustment system would resume on 1 February 2013.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 30* (A/67/30 and Corr.1).

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